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SUBJECT: PRAYER BREAKFAST

REF: CAPE TOWN 0016 AND 0033, AND DURBAN 0012

1. AT LEAST FOUR HOMELAND LEADERS HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS, ALL PRESUMABLY FROM CONGRESSMAN DELLENBACK, TO ATTEND JANUARY 30 PRAYER BREAKFAST. LATEST TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION IS GAZANKULU CHIEF MINISTER NTSWANWISI, WHO TELEPHONED EMBASSY PRETORIA TODAY TO ASK WHO WOULD PAY FOR TRIP. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT PRAYER BREAKFAST ESSENTIALLY A PRIVATE AFFAIR AND THAT THOSE INVITED HAVE TO MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION.

2. FROM TIME TO TIME WE HAVE RECEIVED QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER BREAKFAST--ITS NATURE AND PURPOSE, HOW OFTEN IT IS HELD, ON WHAT BASIS INVITATIONS ARE MADE, HOW MANY ARE EXTENDED, DOES PRESIDENT ALWAYS ATTEND, ETC. WE DO NOT HAVE BACKGROUND MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO ENABLE US TO ANSWER SATISFACTORILY ALL THESE QUESTIONS. PERHAPS DEPT COULD INFORM CONGRESSMAN DELLENBACK THAT INVITATIONS HE HAS MADE HAVE RAISED SOME QUESTIONS ON PART OF RECIPIENTS. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF DEPT COULD SEND US BY CABLE SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PRAYER BREAKFASTS.

3. ACCORDING TO USINFO MSG TO PRETORIA, USIA PRESS SERVICE (IPS) PLANS TO RELEASE STORY ON JAN 30 PRAYER BREAKFAST.

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HOWEVER, APPARENTLY STORY WILL DEAL MAINLY WITH INVITEES AND

WILL NOT PROVIDE FULL RANGE OF INFORMATION WE NEED.

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